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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

FROM:

Acting ANIO/NP

SUBJECT: Presidential Priorities: Nuclear Proliferation

1. On the subject of nuclear proliferation, there are a number of areas where the Community could make a contribution that would be immediately responsive to the President's approach. There seems to me to be no point in reiterating Community disagreement with aspects of last week's nuclear policy statement. However, given the fact that this is the policy, we should now focus on contributing to efforts to effectively implement that policy by offering intelligence support in the broader, analytic sense of that term.

2. A major initiative of the nuclear speech is a proposed International Fuel Cycle Evaluation Program (IFCEP). Throughout the Community, there has traditionally been a largely piecemeal approach to the analysis and coordination of international nuclear cooperation programs, with individual agencies focusing only on those programs having a direct impact on their responsibilities. The President's personal endorsement of the IFCEP could generate a primarily analytic assessment of probable reactions to the idea (perhaps by major country) or the presentation of a chart or graph showing how this program could be made to track with other ongoing studies in other forums, such as the International Atomic Energy Agency. Initial work in this area would probably be more time-consuming than on possibly other issues, but given the increasing attention to both this subject and disarmament in general, it would seem to be an investment well worth the effort.

3. On the subject of efforts to control proliferation through export control of nuclear equipment and materials, an assessment could be done presenting the different forums and methods for doing this and addressing the issue of whether this should be our approach at all. None of these proposed studies would require the formal estimate mechanism or estimate status to be comprehensive and valuable. Short papers, coordinated throughout the Community, presented personally to the President

on any of these topics could probably be sufficient at least
at this initial stage.



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Attached, please find the paper you asked me to draft to establish a base from which our next meeting on this issue can proceed. If it is acceptable to you, I will circulate it to all the NIOs.

Attached also, please find those contributions from ~~the NIOs~~ a few of the NIOs, as you requested. I will send the rest in as I receive them.